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The reference(s) was/were cited in counterpart foreign applications in Japan and Europe. An English language translation of the Japanese Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information. The attached European Search Report is in English.

An English-language Abstract of the German reference is attached hereto. A translation from the Japanese Patent Office website is attached for JP 7-311045.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open (JP-A) No. 2000-123213, Cited reference 1 in the Japanese Office Action, is not submitted as it is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0189498 A1, which as discussed in the Information Disclosure

Statement filed March 29, 2005, is the publication of commonly owned U.S. Application 09/819,827, now U.S. Patent 6, 959,282, which was considered by the Examiner during the examination of this application.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 5-209756 and 9-240429 from the Japanese Office Action are not listed or submitted as their equivalents, U. S. Patents 5,483,457 and 5,796,178 are listed instead.

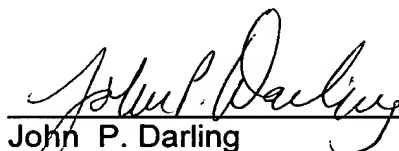
EP 0 741 891 A1 from the European Search Report is not listed or enclosed as its equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,767,505, is listed instead.

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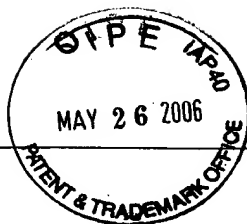
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